

## House Resolution No. 1881

**Whereas**, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the meritorious endeavors of an outstanding Show-Me-State educator; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Mike Cowan, Principal of Cape Central Senior High School, has enjoyed the honor and distinction of being named Educator of the Year, a most impressive accolade to be bestowed upon him by the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce on May 1, 2003, at Drury Lodge; and

**Whereas**, a resident of Cape Girardeau, Dr. Cowan commenced his career in education in 1975 at Hickman High School, where he taught language arts and speech, in addition to coaching both the Drama and Debate Teams; and

**Whereas**, in 1983, Dr. Cowan moved to Clayton Senior High School, where he also assumed the added responsibilities of Administrative Assistant to the Principal; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cowan accepted the job of Principal at Valley Park Senior High School in 1993 and transferred to Cape Central High School in 2001; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cowan has enjoyed recognition as a member of several professional organizations and as the founder of the Columbia Chapter of the National Education Association; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cowan attended Southwest Baptist University and earned a Bachelor's degree in English education at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1975, a Master's degree in English education at Southeast Missouri State University in 1983, and a Doctorate in educational leadership at Saint Louis University in 2002:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Dr. Mike Cowan upon his selection as Educator of the Year and in wishing him continued success in his ongoing efforts to further student achievement at Cape Central Senior High School; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Educator of the Year, Dr. Mike Cowan, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jason G. Crowell  
Majority Floor Leader  
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1881, adopted April 15, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker